



Dear Parents:

Your child was recently given a musical aptitude test to help determine which students show potential for instrumental music. We are happy to inform you that your child has scored well in areas critical to a young musician. We would like very much to have your child included in our band program.

When band classes begin this fall, the first few weeks will be spent learning the fundamentals of music. **Students will be tested on all instrument on Saturday, July, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at South Panola High School from 2–5 pm on these dates.** Expert music teachers will be brought in to assist the students with the process of trying instruments. Parents will move from station to station with their student to observe the process. We are asking that students with a last name beginning with **A through K** attend on the **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** date, and **L through Z** attend on the **July 29<sup>th</sup>** date. If the date for your student isn't convenient **please be sure to attend** the other date. This process is fun and informational, and usually takes around an hour to complete.

Once ALL students have completed this process, the directors will send home a letter with your student to inform you of the instrument we feel will provide them the greatest opportunity for success in band. An instrument should be secured **ONLY AFTER** this process next fall.

Each student must furnish his or her own instrument. To assist you in securing instruments, we will have a meeting on Friday, August 11, 2017 for all beginning band parents. At this time, a music company will be invited to display instruments. This company will be asked to offer a rent-to-own agreement, under which an instrument may be secured for a minimum down payment and low monthly rental payments. The instrument can be returned after the trial period without any further cost if the parents wish to do so.

**Please fill out the invitation form through the link provided in this post completely** . By selecting “yes” we will enroll your student in band for the upcoming school year. If you need any further assistance, please call us at South Panola High School at (662) 563-6068 or send an email to [lmoyer@spanola.net](mailto:lmoyer@spanola.net).

The South Panola Band program strives for excellence not only in musicianship, but also in citizenship as well! This is a positive organization that will give your child a well-rounded experience in dealing with others, as well as teach them music. We want you to know that we are interested in your child and look forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Richard Shirey  
Director of Bands